

# Dedication

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The Transportation Planning field lost one of its leaders on Friday, September 9, 1994, with the death of Gunnar Rorbakken, Chief of the Division of Transportation Planning and Programming for the Indiana Department of Transportation.

Gunnar was born in Bergen, Norway in 1946. He immigrated to the United States in his youth, and subsequently graduated from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology with a degree in Civil Engineering.

In 1970, he took a position with the Iowa Department of Transportation in the Office of Advance Planning, where he worked with the state's Metropolitan Planning Organizations in the development of a cooperative urban transportation planning process.

Gunnar worked for the Iowa Department of Transportation for sixteen years where, as a senior planner, he supervised the Metropolitan Planning Organization Planning Activities and Needs Analysis sections. Ultimately, he took charge of the Intermodal Planning Section of the Office of Advance Planning. He was instrumental in developing Iowa's transportation-related economic development program and aviation system plan.

In 1990, Gunnar came to Indiana to lead the Transportation Planning Division for the Indiana Department of Transportation. In 1991, he took charge of the development of Indiana's first statewide multimodal policy plan *Transportation in Indiana: A Look Ahead*. Through his leadership, the Division reorganized to develop the transportation planning process mandated by the 1991 Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) and the structure for Indiana's first statewide long-range multimodal transportation plan.

The staff of the Transportation Planning Division hereby dedicates *Transportation In Indiana: Multimodal Plan Development For The 1990's And Beyond* in Gunnar's memory.

His contributions to the field, his kind friendship, and his positive attitude will be long remembered.